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1. MANY INDIAN OFFICER PRISONERS WERE HELD IN A TEMPORARY POW CAMP ABOUT 60 MILES INTO TIBET FROM THE BOMDILA BORDER AREA IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREA OF POLAM /PHONETIC/. [redacted] POSSIBLY MEANS PORAM LA /E92-45; N28-50/.) THE CAMP HAD MANY GUARDS BUT BECAUSE OF IMPASSABLE TERRAIN HAD NO OTHER SECURITY MEASURES. 1.5(c) 3.4(b)(1)

2. BRAINWASHING TACTICS CONSISTED OF LECTURES ON PROPRIETY OF CHINESE ACTION, POSITION AND POLICY ABOUT 5 TIMES PER DAY; EMBARRASSMENT OF OFFICERS BY MAKING THEM PERFORM MENIAL TASKS AND BY MIXING ALL RANKS IN QUARTERS; AND HARASSING INTERROGATIONS ABOUT INDIAN ARMY AND INDIAN POLICY. WHEN OFFICERS OBJECTED TO THE ABOVE TACTICS AND REQUESTED PROPER TREATMENT OF POW'S CHINESE STATED THEY NOT ENTITLED TO POW TREATMENT AS THERE WAS NO STATE OF WAR AND CHINA CONSIDERED THEM ONLY AS ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSERS. 1.5(c) 3.4(b)(1)

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3. MAIN CHINESE BRAINWASH EFFORTS WERE DIRECTED AT GURKHA SOLDIERS AND STRESSED FACT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINESE AND LATTER'S UNDERSTANDING OF PRESSURES WHICH CAUSED GURKHAS TO FIGHT FOR THE INDIANS; GURKHAS RECEIVED VERY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. ([redacted]

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